

REMARKS

Claims 1-13 are pending in this application. The Office Action requires a restriction of the pending claims to one of the following groups:

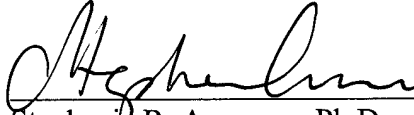
- I. Claims 1-6, drawn to polynucleotides of SEQ ID NO:1, and methods of use thereof.
- II. Claims 7 and 8, drawn to a polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:2.
- III. Claim 9, drawn to a method for inhibiting fungal transcription via an agent that interferes with binding between TATA Box Binding Protein (TBP) and the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:2.
- IV. Claim 10, drawn to an antibody against SEQ ID NO:2.
- V. Claims 11-13, drawn to a method for rapid, large-scale screening of ligands that bind *C. albicans* TAF-145 protein (SEQ ID NO:2).

In order to be fully responsive to the Requirement for Restriction, Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, to prosecute the claims of Group I, claims 1-6, directed to polynucleotides of SEQ ID NO:1 and methods of use.

This election is made without prejudice to the right to pursue a patent on the non-elected claims in one or more divisional applications.

If there are any other issues remaining which the Examiner believes could be resolved through either a Supplemental Response, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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